

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A coating material comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one member selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides,  
5 oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar alcohols and starch hydrolyzates.
2. The coating material as described in claim 1, wherein the viscous polysaccharide is pullulan.
3. The coating material as described in claim 1,  
10 wherein the oligosaccharide is at least one member selected from the group consisting of trehalose, paratinose and raffinose.
4. A coated powder comprising a core substance in a powdery or granular form of 30 to 3000  $\mu\text{m}$  in an average  
15 particle size having been coated with 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of a coating material comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one member selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides,  
oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar  
20 alcohols per 1 part by weight of said core substance.
5. The coated powder as described in claim 4, wherein the viscous polysaccharide is pullulan.
6. The coated powder as described in claim 4, wherein the oligosaccharide is at least one member selected

from the group consisting of trehalose, palatinose and  
raffinose.

7. The coated powder as described in one of claims 4  
to 6, wherein the core substance is a flavor composition, a  
5 colour material, an acidity regulator, a seasoning, a  
sweetener, a spice, a vitamin, a functional material or a  
mixture of two or more of them.

8. The coated powder as described in claim 7,  
wherein the core substance is a flavor composition.

10 9. A food or beverage composition which comprises  
the coated powder described in one of claims 4 to 8.

10. A perfumy cosmetic composition which comprises  
the coated powder described in one of claims 4 to 8.

11. A process for producing a coated powder, which  
15 comprises spraying a solution of a coating material  
comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one  
member selected from the group consisting of viscous  
polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils,  
waxes, sugar alcohols and starch hydrolyzates against a  
20 core substance in a powdery or granular form of 30 to 3000  
µm in an average particle size under stirring or in a  
fluidized state to thereby coat the core substance with  
0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of the coating material per 1  
part by weight of said core substance.

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